



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Vlad J. Novotny and Parvinder Dhillon

Assignee: Active Optical Networks, Inc.

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312

Sir:

Please amend the above-cited application as follows.

IMPORTANT: This amendment includes a change to the priority claim. THE PRIORITY CLAIM IS *NOT LATE*. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CORRECT THE PRIORITY CLAIM SINCE APRIL 2002. Some of the steps we have taken to date are outlined below.